

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-10 (canceled)

11. (currently amended): A method of playing a poker game comprising:
- a. providing positions for placement of cards in a plurality of poker hands;
 - b. placing a wager on each poker hand or on the aggregate of the plurality of poker hands;
 - c. randomizing a card deck;
 - d. dealing an initial three to seven cards into a first hand from the randomized deck;
 - e. holding or discarding cards dealt into the first hand, and moving discarded cards into positions provided for one or more additional five-card hands;
 - f. when all cards in the first hand have been held or have been moved into the additional hands, dealing cards from the randomized deck in

a preset pattern to fill in all remaining available positions and complete the poker hands;

- g. determining the value of each poker hand; and
 - h. paying to or receiving from the player the value of each poker hand in accordance with predetermined payoff amounts.
- 12. (original) The method of claim 11 played using an electronic game machine providing card images.
 - 13. (original) The method of claim 11 played using three hands.
 - 14. (original) The method of claim 11 played using five hands.
 - 15. (original) The method of claim 11 wherein five cards are initially dealt.
 - 16. (original) The method of claim 11 wherein three cards are initially dealt.
 - 17. (original) The method of claim 11 comprising also determining the poker hand value of secondary hands formed of selected combinations of cards in the plurality of hands and paying or receiving from the player values calculated from the secondary hands.
 - 18. (original) A method of playing a card game comprising:

- a. providing positions for placement of at least three poker hands of five cards each, a first hand, a second hand, and a third hand, an optional fourth hand, and an optional fifth hand;
- b. making a wager on the value of the poker hands;
- c. initially dealing at least three cards of the first hand from a single deck into at least the first three positions of the first hand;
- d. holding the card dealt into the first position of the first hand or moving it to the first position of the second, third, or subsequent hand;
- e. holding the card dealt into the second position of the first hand or moving it to the second position of the second, third or subsequent hand;
- f. holding the card dealt into the third position of the first hand or moving it to the third position of the second, third, or subsequent hands;
- g. holding the card, if any, dealt into the fourth position of the first hand or moving it to the fourth position of the second, third or subsequent hands;
- h. in sequence, holding the cards, if any, dealt into the fifth or subsequent positions of the first hand, or moving it into the corresponding position of the second, third or subsequent hands;

- i. dealing cards from the deck into the remaining vacant positions of the first, second, third and subsequent hands;
 - j. determining the poker hand ranking of the resulting hands; and
 - k. paying or deducting from a player's account a preset amount determined by the poker hand rankings.
19. (original) The method of claim 18 in which three cards of the first hand are initially dealt in step c.
20. (original) The method of claim 18 in which five cards of the first hand are initially dealt in step c.
21. (original) The method of claim 18 in which positions are provided for five poker hands.
22. (original) The method of claim 18 in which secondary poker hands are compiled using cards in preselected positions of the hands.
23. (original) The method of claim 18 in which positions are provided for three hands of five cards each, and the secondary hands are made up of one or more combinations of preselected positions selected from the group consisting of:

Combination 1: Second hand, positions 1, 3 and 5, First hand, positions 2 and 4;

Combination 2: Second hand, positions 1 and 5, First hand, positions 2 and 4, third hand, position 3;

Combination 3: Second hand, positions 2 and 4, First hand, positions 1, 3 and 5;

Combination 4: Second hand, position 3, First hand, positions 2 and 4, Third hand, positions 1 and 5;

Combination 5: First hand, positions 1, 3 and 5, Third hand positions 2 and 4; and

Combination 6: First hand, positions 2 and 4, Third hand, positions 1, 3 and 5.

24. (original) The method of claim 18 wherein the positions and cards are in the form of images on the screen of an electronic game device.
25. (original) An electronic game comprising:
 - a. a display screen providing positions for placement of cards in a plurality of poker hands;

- b. a processor programmed to provide images of a poker hand layout comprising vacant card positions and card images operably connected to the display screen;
- c. input means for inputting into the processor a start signal and/or a wager on each of or on the aggregate of the plurality of poker hands and storing the amount of any wager in memory in the processor;
- d. a randomizer in the processor for randomizing the order of presentation to the screen of images corresponding to cards from a single card deck;
- e. an initial deal activator responsive to input of the wager or start signal to activate display of specific card images on the screen corresponding to dealing an initial three to seven cards into a first hand from the deck;
- f. input means for providing operator signals to the processor corresponding to holding or discarding each card dealt into the first hand and moving the discarded card into a position provided for cards of one or more additional five-card hands, and display means operably connected thereto for displaying the results of the signals on the screen;
- g. completion deal means in the processor capable of determining when all cards in the first hand have been held or have been moved into the additional hands, comprising a completion deal algorithm for

dealing cards from the randomized deck in a preset pattern to fill in all remaining available positions and complete the poker hands;

- h. a calculator in the processor for determining the value of the poker hands; and
- i. a display operably connected to the calculator to display a payoff amount.

26. (original) The electronic game of claim 25 comprising means in the processor for adjusting the payoff amounts and displays thereof.